

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

SIMULATED LOW-BANDWIDTH CONNECTION

5 A method of simulating a low-bandwidth connection over a higher-bandwidth connection. According to the method, data is received from a first device at a first predetermined speed, and the data is transferred to a second device over the high-bandwidth connection at a second predetermined speed. The second predetermined speed is less than the first predetermined speed and less than the speed of the high-bandwidth connection. In one preferred method, the data is transferred over a high-bandwidth LAN and the second predetermined speed is the speed of a modem connection. A computer system is also provided. The computer system includes a first device, a second device, and a speed control layer. The speed control layer is coupled between the first and second devices, and slows data transfer from the first device to the second device over a connection to a first predetermined speed that is less than the normal speed of the connection. In a preferred embodiment, the speed control layer includes an interface that is used to set the first predetermined speed.

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